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1. HERewith FULL TEXT ROBERT G. KAISER FRONT PAGE BYLINER
WASHINGTON POST WEDNESDAY, DEC. 29, HEADED "ATTORNEY SEEN
VANCE'S CHOICE AS NO. 1 AIDE."

2. SECRETARY OF STATE-DESIGNATE CYRUS R. VANCE HAS
CHOSEN ATTORNEY WARREN M. CHRISTOPHER TO BE HIS DEPUTY
SECRETARY, AND HAS SETTLED ON MOST OF THE TOP FIGURES
FOR HIS STATE DEPARTMENT STAFF, INFORMED SOURCES SAID
YESTERDAY.

3. ONE SOURCE SAID CHRISTOPHER HAD NOT YET FORMALLY
ACCEPTED VANCE'S OFFER, BUT WAS EXPECTED TO DO SO SHORTLY.

4. CHRISTOPHER WAS DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL IN THE FINAL
TWO YEARS OF THE JOHNSON ADMINISTRATION, AND WAS A CANDI-
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DATE FOR THE JOB OF WATERGATE SPECIAL PROSECUTOR. HE
WITHDREW HIS NAME FROM CONSIDERATION FOR THAT POST AND
IT WENT TO ARCHIBALD COX OF HARVARD LAW SCHOOL.

5. CHRISTOPHER HAS NO EXPERIENCE AT THE STATE DEPART-
MENT AND ONLY LIMITED EXPOSURE TO FOREIGN AFFAIRS. VANCE

WORKED WITH HIM IN DETROIT IN 1967, WHEN BOTH REPRESENTED THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DURING THE RIOTS THERE.

6. CHRISTOPHER HAS PRACTICED LAW IN THE LOS ANGELES FIRM OF O' MULVENY & MYERS, DESCRIBED BY A WASHINGTON ATTORNEY YESTERDAY AS THAT CITY'S LEADING FIRM.

7. SOURCES SAID VANCE HAD DECIDED TO RETAIN AT LEAST TWO MEMBERS OF HENRY A. KISSINGER'S STATE DEPARTMENT STAFF, UNDER SECRETARY PHILIP C. HABIB, AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS ARTHUR A. HARTMAN. HE MAY ALSO KEEP ON ALFRED L. ATHERTON JR., ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR NEAR EASTERN AND SOUTH ASIAN AFFAIRS, WHO HAD BEEN HANDLING THE DELICATE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

8. ALL THREE OF THESE MEN ARE CAREER MEMBERS OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE.

9. VANCE HAS SELECTED A PARTNER IN HIS NEW YORK LAW FIRM TO BE COUNSELOR OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND HIS RIGHTHAND MAN, THE SOURCES SAID. HE IS MATTHEW NIMETZ, 37, AN AIDE IN LYNDON B. JOHNSON'S WHITE HOUSE AND A FORMER RHODES SCHOLAR.

10. THE SECRETARY-DESIGNATE WOULD LIKE TO APPOINT YALE ECONOMIST RICHARD COOPER HIS UNDER SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, THE SOURCES SAID, BUT HE WILL HAVE TO FIGHT FOR COOPER'S SERVICES WITH THE DESIGNATED SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY, W. MICHAEL BLUMENTHAL. PRESIDENT-ELECT JIMMY UNCLASSIFIED

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CARTER MAY HAVE TO DECIDE WHO WILL GET COOPER, THE SOURCES SAID.

11. CARTER AND HIS INNER CIRCLE ALSO WILL HAVE TO CONFIRM VANCE'S TENTATIVE CHOICES TO HEAD THE DEPARTMENT'S POLICY PLANNING STAFF AND TO SERVE AS ASSISTANT

SECRETARY FOR EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS. THOSE CHOICES ARE REPORTED TO BE W. ANTHONY LAKE, 37, FOR THE PLANNING STAFF, AND RICHARD M. HOLBROOKE, 35, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

12. LIKE HABIB, HOLBROOKE WORKED WITH VANCE AND W. AVERELL HARRIMAN ON THE FIRST U.S. DELEGATION TO THE PARIS PEACE TALKS ON VIETNAM.

13. VANCE IS RELIABLY SAID TO HOPE THAT THE REV. THEODORE M. HESBURGH WOULD ACCEPT THE POST OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY

FOR AFRICA OR LATIN AMERICA. HESBURGH IS ALSO A CANDIDATE FOR THE POST OF DIRECTOR OF THE AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT. HOWEVER, ONE SOURCE CLOSE TO THE SITUATION SAID HESBURGH MIGHT NOT BE WILLING TO GIVE UP THE PRESIDENCY OF NOTRE DAME UNIVERSITY FOR ONE OF THESE JOBS.

14. VANCE'S TEAM AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT WILL BE DISCUSSED THIS WEEK AT ST. SIMONS ISLAND, GA., WHERE CARTER AND HIS CABINET CHOICES ARE MEETING, ACCORDING TO WELL-PLACED SOURCES. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF VANCE'S APPOINTMENTS COULD COME BY THE END OF THIS WEEK, SOURCES SAID.

15. CHRISTOPHER'S ONLY FORMAL INVOLVEMENT IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS WAS AS AN AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVE TO SEVERAL INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS ON TEXTILE TRADE IN THE EARLY 1960S. IN HIS ENTRY IN WHO'S WHO, CHRISTOPHER LISTS HIMSELF AS A CONSULTANT TO THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE UNCLASSIFIED

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FROM 1961-65.

16. AFTER BEING GRADUATED FROM STANFORD LAW SCHOOL IN 1949 HE WAS A CLERK FOR SUPREME COURT JUSTICE WILLIAM O. DOUGLAS. HE THEN MOVED TO LOS ANGELES AND JOINED O'MULVENY & MYERS. HE BECAME ACTIVE IN DEMOCRATIC PARTY POLITICS IN CALIFORNIA, AND WAS A PRINCIPAL SUPPORTER OF FORMER GOV. EDMUND G. (PAT) BROWN.

17. AFTER THE WATTS RIOTS OF 1965 BROWN NAMED CHRISTOPHER TO AN INVESTIGATORY COMMISSION TO LOOK INTO CAUSES OF THE RIOTING. HE WAS THE PRINCIPAL AUTHOR OF THE COMMISSION'S REPORT ON CONDITIONS IN THE LOS ANGELES GHETTO.

18. THAT EXPERIENCE MAY HAVE BROUGHT HIM TO THE ATTENTION OF RAMSEY CLARK, WHOSE TENURE AS ATTORNEY GENERAL WAS LARGELY DOMINATED BY URBAN RIOTS. CHRISTOPHER REPRESENTED CLARK IN DETROIT AND IN WASHINGTON DURING THE 1968 RIOTING HERE.

19. NIMETZ, VANCE'S SELECTION TO BECOME COUNSELOR OF THE DEPARTMENT, HAS A BRILLIANT REPUTATION AMONG FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES. HE TOO WAS A SUPREME COURT CLERK, TO JUSTICE JOHN M. HARLAN, THEN WORKED FOR JOSEPH A. CALIFANO JR.--THE SECRETARY-DESIGNATE OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE--WHEN CALIFANO WAS AN ASSISTANT TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON.

20. "WE ALL TRIED TO HIRE HIM", A PARTNER IN ONE WASHINGTON LAW FIRM SAID YESTERDAY, BUT VANCE PERSUADED

HIM TO JOIN SIMPSON THACHER AND BARTLETT IN NEW YORK.
HE BECAME A PARTNER OF THE FIRM IN SHORT ORDER.

21. AN OPERA BUFF, NIMETZ WORKED IN HUGH L. CAREY'S
CAMPAIGN FOR GOVERNOR. CAREY APPOINTED HIM A COMMISSIONER
OF THE NEW YORK PORT AUTHORITY EARLIER THIS YEAR. AT
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SIMPSON THACHER, NIMETZ HAS REPORTEDLY REPRESENTED
PRIMARILY CORPORATE CLIENTS.

22. LAKE HAS HEADED UP THE CARTER TRANSITION TEAM AT THE
STATE DEPARTMENT. A FORMER FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER, HE
QUIT KISSINGERS STAFF IN 1970 TO PROTEST AGAINST THE
AMERICAN INVASION OF CAMBODIA. HE WORKED ON FOREIGN
POLICY ISSUES DURING THE CARTER PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN.

23. LAKE IS ON LEAVE FROM HIS JOB AS DIRECTOR OF INTERNA-
TIONAL VOLUNTARY SERVICES, A RELIEF AGENCY.

24. HOLBROOKE IS THE MANAGING EDITOR OF FOREIGN POLICY
MAGAZINE, A QUARTERLY PUBLISHED BY THE CARNEGIE ENDOWMENT
FOR PEACE. HE TOO IS A FORMER FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER
WHO SERVED IN VIETNAM BEFORE JOINING THE PARIS PEACE TALKS
DELEGATION.

25. A PROTEGE OF HARRIMAN, HOLBROOKE ALSO WORKED ON THE
CARTER CAMPAIGN AND BRIEFED THE PRESIDENT-ELECT FOR HIS
SECOND AND THIRD DEBATES WITH PRESIDENT FORD. (END TEXT)

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